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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ranjan GHOSAL *et al.*

Serial No.: Div. of 08/663,709

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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Examiner: Unknown

For: MODIFIED CARBON ADSORBENTS AND PROCESSES
FOR ADSORPTION USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 30, 1999

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified new application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-17, 26, and 27. Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) A method to adsorb an adsorbate comprising contacting said adsorbate with a modified carbonaceous material capable of adsorbing said adsorbate wherein at least one organic group is attached to said modified carbonaceous material, wherein said organic group comprises an aromatic group or a C₁-C₁₂ alkyl group directly attached to the carbonaceous material.